

REMARKS

This application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated June 20, 2005. Claims 1-3, 8, 13, 14, 18, 23, 24, and 27 remain pending. Withdrawn Claims 4, 5, 9, 10, 15, 19, 20, 25, 28, and 29 have been canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter. Claims 6, 7, 16, 17, 21, 22, and 30-34 also have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter. Of these claims, the ones that have been rejected in the Office Action will not be further addressed herein, except for Claim 17. Applicant reserves the right to present any and all of the cancelled claims in one or more separate continuing applications. Claims 1, 13, and 23 have been amended, and are in independent form. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

The Abstract has been amended as suggested in the Office Action.

Claims 13, 14, and 18 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. In particular, the Office Action states that there is no antecedent basis for "the predetermined function" in line 9 of Claim 13. However, the Examiner is respectfully requested to note that proper antecedent basis for the quoted subject matter is provided in Claim 13, in particular in the claim's preamble, which recites "A first device which can execute a predetermined function...." (Emphasis added).

Accordingly, withdrawal of the Section 112 rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 7 and 26 have been objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but, according to the Office Action, would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, with no change in scope. Also, the Office Action states that Claim 17 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection under Section 112, second

paragraph.¹ The Examiner is thanked for the indication that those claims recite allowable subject matter. Those claims will be addressed below.

Claims 1-3, 13, 14, 23, and 24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2001-0045983 A1. Claims 1, 8, 13, 18, 23, and 27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002-0101514 A1.

In keeping with the Office Action's indication of allowable subject matter, Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the recitations of Claim 7/6 therein, Claim 13 has been amended to incorporate the recitations of Claim 17/16 therein, and Claim 23 has been amended to incorporate the features of Claim 26 therein. Because the Office Action recognized that Claims 7/6, 17/16, and 26 recite allowable subject matter, and because, in the case of Claim 17/16, that claim complied fully with Section 112, second paragraph,² Claims 1, 13, and 23 are now believed to be in condition for allowance.

The foregoing actions have been taken without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter, and without conceding correctness of the rejections, but rather strictly to obtain an earlier allowance and to expedite issuance. In particular, it is Applicant's current intention to file one or more continuing applications, to pursue the subject matter of the cancelled claims.

^{1/} Claim 17 apparently was rejected under Section 112, second paragraph, owing to its dependancy on Claim 13.

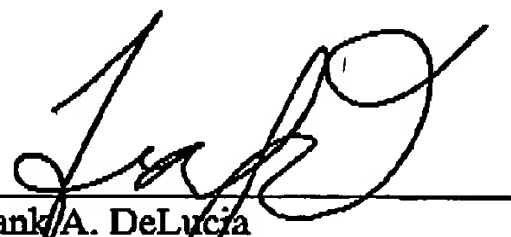
^{2/} Claim 17 depended from Claim 13, and complied with Section 112, second paragraph because, as described above, the preamble of Claim 13 provides proper antecedent basis for the phrase "the predetermined function" found to be objectionable in the Office Action.

The other claims remaining in this application are each dependent on one or another of the independent claims, and also are believed to be in condition for allowance, at least on the reason that each depends from a patentable base claim.

All of the claims now pending are believed to be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests favorable consideration and expedited passage to issue of the present application.

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